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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS WITH NEUTRAL/NON-ALIGNED STATES ON

CSCE IMPLEMENTATION: YUGOSLAVIA

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED POINTS IN REF A WITH FSFA/CSCE GROUP RLUNSELOR PLESE WHO FIRST NOTED FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BETWEEN VISITING CSCE COMMISSION MEMBER (CODEL BINGHAM) AND BOTH DEPUTY SECRETARY MOJSOV AND AMBASSADOR PESIC (REF B), AND THEN MADE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

A. BELGRADE MEETING: U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD BELGRADE 77 WILL BE HELPFUL IN ACHIEVING SUCCESSFUL MEETING. STRESS SHOULD NOT BE ON BASKET III BUT RATHER ACROSS BOARD. IMPLEMENTATION IN SOME AREAS MAY NOT BE AS PRONOUNCED AS IN OTHERS BUT NEVERTHELESS SOVIET/EAST EUROPEANS ARE IN SMALL WAYS BEGINNING TO IMPLEMENT MANY OF THE CSCE RECOMMENDATIONS.

B. FAMILY REUNIFICATION: YUGOSLAVIA HAS NO CASES. PLESE SAID THAT DURING CONSULTATIONS, BULGARIANS ADMITTED TO ABOUT 70 PENDING CASES OF DIVIDED FAMILIES WHICH GOB ATTRIBUTED TO "ILLEGAL EMIGRATION." PLESE TERMED GOB'S ADMISSION OF EXISTENCE OF PROBLEM AS POSITIVE ASPECT OF HELSINKI.

C. BILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS: PLESE AGREED THAT MUCH OF FINAL ACT REQUIRED UNILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION BUT SUGGESTED THAT EVEN EFFORTS AT BILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS BENEFICIAL SINCE IT IS "GOOD TO START WHERE POSSIBLE".

D. CBM'S: WHILE PLESE CONCURRED THAT MANEUVER NOTIFICATION AND OBSERVER INVITATIONS SEEM TO BE ONE AREA
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CLOSELY ADHERED TO, HE SAID GOY BELIEVES VERY LITTLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN ENTIRE CBM REALM. GOY WISHES MORE MOVEMENT IN DISARMAMENT AND A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SECURITY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND SECURITY IN EUROPE, WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE EXTENDING CBM'S TO THE MEDITERRANEAN.

E. CSCE COMMISSION: PLESE SUGGESTED THAT INITIAL

PRESS REPORTING ON THE PURPOSES OF THE COMMISSION MAY HAVE UNDULY STRESSED "CONTROL" OF IMPLEMENTATION AND GIVEN THE SOVIET/EE'S THE IDEA THAT COMMISSION WOULD INFRINGE ON INTERNAL AFFAIRS. EMBOFF REMINDED HIM THAT GOY WELCOMED CODEL BINGHAM AS REPRESENTING CSCE COMMISSION, THEREBY SHOWING IT HAD NOT MISCONSTRUED COMMISSION'S OBJECTIVES.

2. PLESE NOTED THAT WITH SIX MONTHS REMAINING BEFORE THE OPENING OF BELGRADE 77 ALL NEW INITIATIVES HAVE COME FROM ONE SIDE -- THE EASTERN COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT ANY NEW INITIATIVES MIGHT WELL BE RAISED BEFORE BELGRADE 77 SO THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO STUDY THEM FULLY. WHETHER THEY ARE POSITIVE OR NOT IS NOT THE ISSUE. PLESE MENTIONED THE BREZHNEV COMMISSIONS AS WELL AS THE WARSAW PACT PROPOSAL TO FREEZE NATO/WP MEMBERSHIP. IN TERMS OF FINAL ACT HE THOUGHT THE LATTER WAS A "POSITIVE SUGGESTION". (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PLESE TRIED TO STRESS THAT HE WAS EXPRESSING A "PERSONAL" VIEW ON THE WP'S PROPOSED FREEZE OF NATO/WP MEMBERSHIP, HIS REMARK IS THE FIRST WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM ANY YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL ON THIS QUESTION. END COMMENT.)

3. HE SAID THAT IN ALL THE GOY'S BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS NO NATION HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT CSCE ORGANIZATION EXCEPT ROMANIA, WHICH IS INTERESTED, ACCORDING TO PLESE, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS FOREIGN POLICY OF "KEEPING A LITTLE OUT OF THE WARSAW PACT."

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